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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
Joint Committee on Reduction of Nonessential  
Federal Expenditures

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Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter  
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My dear Admiral Hillenkoetter,

This letter is in further reference to my letter of December 11, 1947, to Mr. Walter Pforzheimer, and your letter of December 15, 1947, on the subject of the reporting of civilian employment to the Joint Committee on Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures.

Under Section 6 of the Revenue Act of 1941, the Joint Committee has for several years undertaken to compile the accurate statement of civilian personnel employed by the Federal Government.

While there is of course no desire on the part of either the Committee or its Chairman to impair Federal security, you will recognize the fact that an accurate and complete report of civilian personnel exclusive of any agency would be impossible.

I hesitate very much to take this matter up with the full Committee, and will do so only and until I am sure that it cannot be worked out satisfactorily between us. I discussed this matter with the Bureau of the Budget, which under the law is required to fix ceilings and publish civilian personnel figures, and with the Civil Service Commission which has a similar function.

I am sure that you do not wish to involve any agency of the Government in any matter which may be interpreted as a violation of the law. Under the circumstances it is suggested that representatives of your group, the Bureau of the Budget, the Civil Service Commission, and of the Committee meet at the earliest possible date in an effort to work out a solution of a problem in which all are concerned.

Your fullest cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Harry F. Byrd

Harry F. Byrd, Chairman